

states by requiring them to hold elections on the same day—which is why we all go to the polls on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Before 1845, states competed with one another for influence by setting their election dates as late as possible, thereby swinging close elections by voting last. But since then, nobody has tried the trick that Florida's Legislature is now attempting—intervening to swing the election to its favored candidate.

This effort is illegal under the statute established by Congress in 1845. Congress has allowed one narrow exception to its insistence on a uniform election day: It allows a state legislature to step in only when the state has failed to make a choice of its electors.

That is not the case in Florida. The state made a choice when Gov. Jeb Bush signed a formal notification that the state's 25 votes go to a slate of Republican electors. Since Florida has not failed to choose, its legislature cannot, under federal law, intervene further.

Even if the Florida courts ultimately find that Mr. Gore wins the state's electoral votes, Florida will not have "failed to choose." They will simply have determined that the voters chose him rather than Mr. Bush.

Florida's legislative leaders may want to end the election chaos by fiat. But the vote that occurred on Nov. 7 was properly cast by Floridians on the same day their fellow Americans cast their ballots. If Florida's Legislature is allowed to overrule that vote, other states may ponder the same power play four years from now.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND PATRICIA BRUGER

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of a remarkable person from my district, the Reverend Patricia Bruger of Dumont, New Jersey, who was recognized on Wednesday, October 25, 2000 because of her many years of service and leadership. It is only fitting that she be honored, for she has a long history of caring, generosity and commitment to others.

Reverend Bruger was recognized for her many years of leadership in Paterson, which I have been honored to represent in Congress since 1997, and so it is appropriate that these words are immortalized in the annals of this greatest of all freely elected bodies.

Born and raised in Washington, DC, Reverend Bruger is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where she earned her BS in Education in 1969. She then received her Masters of Divinity at the Drew Theological Seminary in 1995. She and her husband of 28 years, Carl, have four special children, Pete, Cassandra, Lynn and Kit. In addition to contributing much to her friends and neighbors, she has been blessed with four wonderful children. I know that they have brought her much pleasure and happiness.

Reverend Bruger has always been an active and involved leader. The time spent at the Drew Theological Seminary and in her early career instilled in her the attributes necessary for her to become a stellar force in the community.

Known for a questioning mind and an ability to get things done, Reverend Bruger began her career in education. From 1969 until 1972 she served as a high school physical education teacher in Silver Spring, Maryland. She later moved to New Jersey and served as a substitute teacher in the Bergen County School System from 1985 to 1991.

Around this time, Reverend Bruger was emerging as an active leader within the United Methodist Church (UMC). From 1984 until 1992 she served as the youth director for the Calvary United Methodist Church in Dumont.

As a religious and spiritual leader, Reverend Bruger currently holds numerous positions. She is the New Jersey Executive Director of CUMAC/ECHO in Paterson. She is also the Pastor of two churches; Madison Park Epworth UMC and Paterson Avenue UMC.

Reverend Bruger continually touches the lives of the people around her. She currently is a member of the NNJAC Shalom Holy Boldness Task Force. Also, she offers Pastoral Counseling at Shelter Our Sisters of Passaic County, New Jersey on domestic violence by referral. In addition, she is a member of the New Jersey area Bishop's Task Force on Urban Ministries.

Mr. Speaker, I can say that I can think of few people who work harder or care more about others than Reverend Bruger. She served as the President of the Emergency Food Coalition of Passaic County from 1993 to 1996, and is currently the Coordinator of Emergency Assistance System in Paterson. In addition, Reverend Bruger is a member of the Paterson Alliance, a group comprised of non-profit organizations seeking to enhance the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Reverend Bruger's family and friends, CUMAC-ECHO, Inc., United Methodist Urban Ministries, the City of Paterson and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable services to the community of Reverend Patricia Bruger.

HONORING THE LATE DR. ANDRE ANTHONY GALIBER, SR.

HON. DONNA MC CHRISTENSEN

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Dr. Andre Anthony Galiber, Sr., who passed away in September of this year. Dr. Galiber was a great leader in the medical profession, particularly in the field of Radiology, an ideal family man, an outstanding citizen and a great humanitarian in my district, the community of St. Croix and the entire U.S. Virgin Islands.

Dr. Galiber earned his Medical Doctorate in 1957 and completed a diagnostic and therapeutic radiology residency in 1963. His distinctive medical career began with an internship at the Howard University's Freedmen's Hospital, here in Washington, D.C. He also served as a captain in the U.S. Medical Corps and was the Chief Radiologist at Fort Benjamin Harrison Army Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Galiber opened his private Radiology office in 1967 and became the first full-time, board certified Radiologist, in the Virgin Islands. He was and remained the only regional

Fellow of the American College of Radiology. Dr. Galiber became the Director of the Radiology Department at the Charles Harwood Hospital during the 1960's and 1970's, and became the Director of the Radiology Department when the hospital relocated to the new Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center, serving in that capacity until his "so-called" retirement in 1984.

Dr. Galiber volunteered as a consultant at the new St. Croix Hospital and provided most of the technical training and professional services during the initial ten year growth period of clinical ultrasound. He performed and interpreted the first echocardiograms on St. Croix and was the first Radiologist licensed in Computer Tomography. He was a FDA accredited mammoradiologist and had been performing mammography since he opened his practice in 1964. His untiring dedication to St. Croix was also directed at strengthening and advocating on behalf of the medical community. He was an active member of the Virgin Islands Medical Society for almost forty years, serving as President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Delegate to the American Medical Association, as well as Delegate to the National Medical Association.

Dr. Galiber also served as President of the St. Croix Hospital Medical staff, was an elected officer of the Virgin Islands Medical Institute and presented, coordinated and monitored medical education seminars for his peers. He was also the principal supporter of advanced diagnostic imaging capabilities at the Governor Juan Luis Hospital. Recently, he proposed and drafted legislation for the Virgin Islands Medical Institute, to encourage Virgin Islands physicians training in the continental United States, to become licensed in the Territory. Most notably, he was a mentor and ardent supporter of students pursuing health science careers, of which I was one.

Hurricane Hugo introduced several generations of Virgin Islanders to the devastation a hurricane could inflict. While most of the populace remained stunned in the aftermath, Dr. Galiber salvaged his radiological equipment, established electrical power and a safe habitat for essential medical operations and nine days after the hurricane had passed, he started providing full services to his patients. Dr. Galiber was a charter member of the St. Croix Power Squadron. He became a trustee for most of the schools on the island of St. Croix including St. Mary's Catholic School, Country Day School, Good Hope School and St. Dunstan's Episcopal School. Dr. Galiber was chairperson of the St. Croix Hospital Continuing Medical Education Committee which locally certified all eligible post-graduate training programs for physicians, and a member of the Eta Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

As an entrepreneur, Dr. Galiber in 1974 became the Project Development Coordinator/Secretary/Treasurer, of the first Medical Office Condominium in the Virgin Islands. He was one of seven owners of Medical offices in Island Medical Center Associates, and supervised the management of the entire complex along with managing his radiology office and practicing Diagnostic Radiology.

Dr. Galiber was an avid reader of non-fiction and a World War II history buff, greatly admiring the deeds of Winston Churchill. For recreation he enjoyed golf, tennis, traveling, dancing, and classical music. He and his wife, Edith, were Members of Friends of Denmark,